

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**EDSCO GROWS...**The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently honored EDSO Fastners Incorporated with a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of the erection of a new office building. Several local officials and citizens were on hand to congratulate the business for its continued growth. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony were (from left to right): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Tonya Jones, Little Miss Elba Molly McGuire, Ted Roberts, Mike Hall, Doris Matthews, Rev. John Baxter, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Gene Strickland - vice president of EDSO Fastners, Carrie Hudson, Rhonda Stephens, Scotty Moulton, Daniel Stephens - President of EDSO Fastners, Herby McCall, and Miss Elba Valerie Moore.

## Kinston High School announces second quarter honor roll

### "A" Honor Roll

7th Grade  
Ashley Gader, Brittany Hunko

8th Grade  
Breanna Hattaway, Brittany Holley, Tiffany Wilson

9th Grade  
Jeremy Driver, Amanda Lashley, Megan Pland, Samantha Wambles

10th Grade  
Tara Williams

11th Grade  
April Hawthorne, Patrick Nelson

12th Grade  
Hollie Odum, Jason Wood

### "A-B" Honor Roll

7th Grade  
Joshua Driver, Amber McCall, Candace Patterson, Ramsey

## Valentine Sweetheart Pageant set for Feb. 3

The 2001 "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Elba Elementary School. The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is sponsoring the pageant, with all proceeds being used to finance numerous Lodge charities and projects.

Age divisions will include 0-12 months, 13-35 months, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years and 15-18 years.

A winner and two alternates will be selected in each age division (based on minimum of five contestants) with the winners receiving a trophy, crown, banner, flowers and a \$100.00 savings bond. The two alternates will receive a trophy, banner, and flowers. All contestants will receive a trophy in all age divisions!

For more information, call Mrs. Starla Arison at 897-4301 after 4 p.m., Harry Young at 897-5097, Herb Winters at 897-3095 or Wayne Bryan at 897-2015.

## EHS students plan trip to Europe

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

London, Paris and Rome are places many people only dream of one day visiting, but that dream will become a reality for some students of Elba High School this May.

The CHA (Cultural Heritage Alliance) tour, also known as "Discover Europe 2001" at EHS, is open to all eleventh and twelfth graders at Elba High School and any citizens from the community interested in taking the trip. This 12-day tour will take the students through London, Paris and Rome where

they will be their first time out of the country and a great educational experience.

"It will be their first time out of the country and a great educational experience," said Nancy Clark, EHS teacher and Discover Europe 2001 sponsor.

"After all, she said the whole point of the trip is education. Those taking the trip will visit such famous locations as: St. Paul's Cathedral, Notre Dame Cathedral, Louvre Museum, Florence's Duomo, Church of Santa Croce, Accademia, Florentine Leather Factory, Roman Forum, Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican's Sistine Chapel and much more.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the Tower of London, the Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral," said Cammie Kelley, a senior at EHS who will be taking the trip.

Kelley is one of two students currently signed up to take the



Katie Grimes (left) and Cammie Kelley (right) are the two EHS students currently planning to visit Europe in May. Above, they take a look at a map pinpointing some of the places they will visit during the 12-day tour. Grimes said she is very excited to have this opportunity to go to Europe.

trip, along with one citizen from the community. Although these three will make the trip, Clark said they are hoping to have at least five people go.

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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba Council cautioned on spending

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council heard auditor Bruce Keel caution to watch monthly sales tax numbers closely on a month-to-month basis and be ready to adjust city spending if there is a shortfall in predicted income.

Keel, with Barry Brinson, Wilkerson and Bowden, P.C., noted that the annual audit of all city accounts showed the city's cash position was down from the previous year and the liabilities were up. He reminded council members that the economy is in difficult times and they need to remain very careful with spending.

"The drop in the cash position and increase in liabilities are in a large part due to the aggressive participation by Elba in the FEMA buy-out program, Keel noted. He said that a good bit of this up-front investment would come back to the city cash accounts once the houses have been disposed of and the accounts settled.

Recurring revenue (without buy-out and other state and federal grant programs) was up in 2000, compared to 1999, by about \$80,000. . . . mostly due to sales tax increases, according to the accountant.

Water and Electric Department revenue was up by \$184,000. However, the city needs to watch this closely also due to the adverse impact the closing of Dorsey Trailers will have on the use of electricity, Keel reminded the council members.

Susan Steck, representing Enterprise State Jr. College, told council members of the ongoing capital plan underway at the col-

lege. She said the goal of \$1.5-million of support from the private community was off to a good start, with over \$661,000 already pledged.

Council members were given copies of a letter from Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates announcing that the daily cost of housing inmates in the Coffee County Jail will increase from \$10.00 per day to \$15.00 per day, effective April 1, 2001. The \$10.00 rate has been in effect since October 1, 1992.

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**CLOSE CALL...**Four persons narrowly escaped serious injury when two vehicles collided Monday afternoon in the intersection of Coffee County Roads 239 and 223 (Mixons Crossroads). It appeared that a 1994 Saturn traveling north on Co. Rd. 223 ran through a stop sign and was broadsided by a 2000 Mercury Cougar headed south on Co. Rd. 239. The occupants of the Saturn, two young ladies, Meg Kennedy (the driver), 20, and Amanda Bryant (passenger), 18, both of Enterprise were taken to Medical Center Enterprise (MCE) by a unit from Coffee County EMS. A third victim, Benjamin Pritchett, 20, a passenger in the Cougar, was taken to MCE by a unit from the Enterprise Rescue Squad. The driver of the Cougar, Jessica Johnston, 18, of Elba was not injured. According to reports, all four persons were wearing their seat belts; however, there was no evidence that air bags deployed on either vehicle. None of the victims were believed to have sustained life-threatening injuries. Pictured above is the Saturn which sustained the most damage in the collision. The two-car crash was investigated by Trooper J. R. Ward. He was assisted at the scene by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

## County Commission tables bids on lawn care

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission in its regular bi-monthly session Monday wasted little time in conducting business.

In opening bids for lawn care for the county's two courthouses and computer software for the revenue commissioner's office, they awarded one and tabled another.

Four different lawn care services submitted bids on keeping

the grounds at the Elba and Enterprise courthouses. The bids were for annual service. They were: Lucky Lawn Care of Enterprise bidding \$9,250 for the Enterprise Courthouse and \$6,000 for the Elba Courthouse; Blade Invaders of Enterprise bid \$4,111 for the Enterprise Courthouse and \$2,888 for the Elba Courthouse; Faye's Nursery of Elba bid \$4,773.90 for the Enterprise Courthouse and \$3,250 for the Elba Courthouse; and Southern Cross of New Brockton bid \$4,000 for the Enterprise Courthouse and \$3,000 for the Elba Courthouse.

After opening the bids, the commission voted 6-1 to table them for further review before making the award.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple cast the lone dissenting vote to table.

The only company submitting a bid on the computer software for the Coffee County Revenue Commissioner's office was Electronic Solutions of Grove Hill, Ala. Their bid was

Design hearing by DOT on U.S.Hwy. 84 Four-laning Project set for Monday

The Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) will hold a Design Public Hearing for Project No. NHF-333(5), Coffee

County, on Monday, January 29, 2001, between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the Elba Elementary School Cafeteria located at 102 Tiger Drive in Elba.

This project concerns the four-laning of US-84 from SR-141 in Coffee County to County Road 364 in Elba.

A formal presentation will not be made. Accordingly, interested citizens can schedule their attendance at their convenience during the above-stated hours. Citizens attending this meeting will be provided project information (including the impact on adjacent properties) by viewing visual displays with DOT personnel.

Information regarding the DOT's Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Procedures will be available at the hearing.

The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to express comments about the project in an informal atmosphere through discussions with DOT personnel and/or in writing on the comment forms provided at the meeting.

A recorder and stenographer will be available for anyone wishing to make a formal verbal comment about the project.

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

**GRAHAM WEEKS BENEFIT** There will be a Graham Weeks Benefit Bar-B-Que held on Saturday, February 3, at the Kinston High School Lunchroom in Kinston, AL. Plates will be \$5.00 each. No tickets are being sold and the bar-b-que will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. Pick up will begin at 11:00 a.m.

**PEANUT PRODUCERS' MEETING** The Alabama Peanut Producers Association meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 9, at the Civic Center in Ozark. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. There will be speakers, a sponsored dinner and door prizes. The meeting will adjourn around 1 p.m. The Coffee County Peanut Production meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Dallas Hartzog, Ron Weeks, Austin Hagab, Bob Lisee and John Everset will be speaking on peanut crop management. A sponsored dinner and door prizes will be included.

**COTTON MEETING** The Ultra Narrow Row Cotton Meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m. in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Dr. Dale Monks, Auburn University Cotton Specialist, and George Trotter with GTO Industries will be speaking. This will be a rather informal meeting with lunch provided.

**ELBA CITY LIBRARY ADDITIONAL HOURS** The Elba City Library will be opening on Saturday from 9:00-12:00 starting Feb. 3, 2001.

## Whitworth heads Elba's EDC

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

These days when the name Kaye Whitworth is uttered, people automatically think of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; however, that name can now also be associated with the Elba Economic Development Corporation.

Economic development is not new to the city because the corporation has been in effect for the past couple of years, but the duty of director is new to Whitworth.

"We've had an economic development corporation for a couple of years, but the committee didn't feel it was effective in its previous state," said Elba Mayor James Grimes. "The committee had seen the great job Kaye has done with the chamber since being named its director a few years ago, so, they decided to combine the two and let her also oversee our economic development."

Whitworth was named director of the Elba Economic Development Corporation in November of 2000. This will accompany her already existing position as executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Grimes said the Elba Economic Development Corporation is a separate corporation that works hand-in-hand with the city government. However, the corporation is funded through public and private entities and not by the city. He also said it works closely with the city's chamber of commerce which he feels will be a benefit for the city since Whitworth is already somewhat familiar with the task at hand.

"Of course, this new position means more work," said Whitworth. "But, I'm looking forward to it because it will give me a greater opportunity to be



Kaye Whitworth

out and meet more people and see what other cities are doing in regards to economic development."

She said one of her priorities as director of the economic development corporation and executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce will be to work with the local businesses.

"Because I am working with both, I feel like the already existing businesses and new businesses, both, will benefit," she said.

One thing the mayor said Whitworth will be working through the economic development corporation will be finding industries or businesses interested in locating within the city's industrial park.

"We're working to upgrade our industrial park," said Grimes. "Our new speculative building is nearly 98 percent completed, and we feel it will be a wonderful attraction for the city."

Whitworth said she is still working to orient herself with this additional responsibility; however, she said there are already several projects she would like to see get started this year in regards to improving the

## Herbal programs planned through extension

Those having a strong interest in herbs will probably enjoy attending the upcoming herbal programs planned for the Coffee County Extension Center in New Brockton.

Elsie Hilton, Mary Ester Hornsby and Wanda Shirley will share their knowledge of herbs with those interested in attending.

February 20 - Cooking with herbs  
March 20 - Herbal Teas—just for enjoyment and for medicinal purposes

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Rev. Jessie Jackson set himself up as a model for others to follow. He even preached on maintaining high morals and openly counseled former President Clinton after he got caught with someone other than his wife. The recent revelations of Jackson fathering a baby out of wedlock is not in itself unusual in today's world, but it is a terrible example for a person to be setting for those who believe in him so strongly. Jackson is himself an out-of-wedlock child and should know and indeed has publicly spoken on the downside for the child of such events. It matters not if any particular individual thinks more or less of him as a man of God because of his yielding to human temptations and fathering this child with someone other than his wife. What matters most in this situation is the bad example it sets for the millions who continue to believe in Reverend Jessie Jackson and will tend to follow his example because "his actions made it alright." All this at a time when there is an effort to stem this ongoing and alarming explosion of single parent families in America. Hopefully, later disclosures will not indicate the money paid to the mother of this child by the Rainbow Coalition was "hush money."

Hopefully, anyone with the slightest interest in the 4-laning of U. S. 84 from Martin Luther King Drive to Curtis is aware of the public meeting scheduled at the Elba Elementary School next Monday from 5 until 7 p.m. These public meetings are very informal, with highway department representatives available to discuss any or all the project with those in attendance. There can be several discussions going on around the room, all at once, so a person doesn't have to sit through long drawn out talks about portions of the project in which they are not the least bit interested. Nor is it necessary to be dressed in your Sunday best to attend this informal event and get the information wanted. If you are interested, then you are the very person for which this hearing is being held.

Listening Monday evening as the City of Elba's auditor cautioned of being watchful on finances, we could only think about reports of the pending slowdown in the country's economy. On the state level, there is talk of a shortfall in tax revenue. A large part of that is due to failing to properly compute future income from some taxes after the legislature revamped cooperative income taxes. Locally, the real concern centers around the closing of Dorsey Trailers and the continued fallout from that action. Regardless of how real any of those economic concerns really are, it is good business to do the things the auditor talked about at all times.

Myself and Millard Powell of Geneva, representing the Governor's Disaster Recovery Task Force, and Barbara Gibson, of the Choc, Pae, Yellow River Watershed Authority (in Troy) accompanied Elba Mayor James Grimes and new Geneva Mayor Warren Buck to Montgomery last Tuesday afternoon to meet with a whole bunch of state officials and work out details of the 35% match funds needed to get the levee rebuild projects started in the respective cities. There wasn't anyone in Montgomery passing out signed checks Tuesday afternoon, but the trip was productive. The biggest problem seems to be that there is apparently no one in the whole world who can say exactly how much money is going to be needed in each of the three fiscal years such a project will be ongoing. The money jugglers in Montgomery feel they need such information in order to do their jobs properly. The two mayors are working on some numbers, even as state officials are apparently finding bits and pieces of funds which can be used for the initial part of this work, at least the Elba part. We have had some feedback that indicates state officials are moving forward with finding funds, even as they wait for final figures from the mayors and the Army Corps of Engineers. Right now, the hold up with the Elba project is getting title to the impacted real estate, while the Geneva levee work is still in the survey/design stage and actual work can not get underway for the next 18-24 months. Representatives of the Corp are expected to be in Elba next week with guidelines to be followed in securing title to the needed property. They are also expected to give city officials property descriptions of all the impacted properties.

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Outside Alabama - \$21 per year - 6 months - \$11

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removed from the sheriff department's vehicles to be sold. This also received the commissioners' approval.

In reviewing the county's road system, Tindell told commissioners that he had several roads he would like to submit to the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration for reclassification. They are as follows: Co. Rd. 106 (a portion of), 109, 119, 124, 305, 315, 428 and 661. The commission passed a resolution that the roads listed be submitted for reclassification.

This is just the beginning of this process, so there may be more," said Tindell.

Finally, the commission approved sending out bids on the clearing of all the land acquired by the county through the flood mitigation program, all remaining structures (consists of about eleven structures of various types and one mobile home).

The date (deadline) for the conclusion of this program is in March of 2001.

Other actions taken by the

commission consisted of the following:

• Appointed Annie Kate Martin to serve as director of the Mt. Pleasant Senior Citizens Center.

• Approved an additional phone line for each of District Judge Steven Blair's offices in Elba and Enterprise. This was done at his request.

• Approved an additional phone line for the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise.

• Agreed to "loan" the Coffee County Public Building Authority approximately \$16,000 to settle with the architectural firm designing the Enterprise Courthouse. This will be repaid to the county when a certificate of deposit belonging to the CCPBA matures in about two months.

• Approved the transfer of budgeted funds to each of the county's attorneys and make any senior citizens centers. The amount is \$30,000 per each center.

• Agreed to review the county employee handbook with the county's attorney and make any corrections that the commission and attorney see fit to make.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 15, 2001, investigated the following incidents: Four harassments, one resisting arrest, two possessions of drug paraphernalia, one illegal possession of a controlled substance, one receiving stolen property, one robbery, five failures appear, two criminal mischiefs, one public intoxication, one assault, one dog fight, one theft of property, one overdose, and one failure to produce a title.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to pay, one for resisting arrest, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for illegal possession of a controlled substance, five for failure to appear, one of disorderly conduct, one for public intoxication, one of assault, and one for criminal mischief.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eight for speeding, two for an expired tag, one for driving while driver's license are suspended, one

for DUI, two for no insurance, two for violation of the child restraint law, two for violation of the seat belt law, and one for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15** - River stage - 4:02 (6:30 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a residence on Williams Street (2:31 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16** - Prowler reported at Kendrick Apts. (2:38 a.m.); River stage - 4:11 (6:23 a.m.); Week reported on AL Hwy. 166 (7:28 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a stove fire at a residence on Williams Street (3:48 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17** - River stage - 5:20 (6:36 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18** - Disturbance reported on West Street (12:24 a.m.); River stage - 5:30 feet (6:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Stoudermire Street (3:00 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Simmons Street (5:19 a.m.); River stage - 6:65 feet (6:40 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (4:19 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported in Mulberry Heights Park (6:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Taylor Mill Road (8:58 p.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank on Claxton Ave. (9:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Beaver Dam Trailer park (9:58 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19** - River stage - 5:15 feet (6:21 a.m.); Alarm at Kelley Foods of Alabama (7:27 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Stoudermire Street (3:00 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Simmons Street (5:19 a.m.); River stage - 6:65 feet (6:40 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (4:19 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported in Mulberry Heights Park (6:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Taylor Mill Road (8:58 p.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank on Claxton Ave. (9:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Beaver Dam Trailer park (9:58 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21** - River stage - 6:48 (6:49 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Smith Ave. (6:07 p.m.); Possible prowler reported on North Claxton Ave. (9:21 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Powell's Trailer Park on Smith Ave. (9:49 p.m.).

**SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-3:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.

**ROTARY CLUB** Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

**ELBA MINISTRIES ASSN.** Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

**ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6 p.m. - City Hall.

**WATER & ELECTRIC** Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.

**COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Mondays - Community Room in Farm Center Complex of New Brockton.

**LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.

**ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.

**AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.

**MASONIC LODGE 176** - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 Noon @ Elba High School.

**COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.

**COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.

**AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar.

**ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria.

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## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 15, 2001, through January 21, 2001. They were: Addeleen Newman, Mary Lou Smith, Cleo Livingston, Shawna Hammonds, Melinda Jones, Emma Haskins, Shirley Rogers, Michelle Hill, Shirley Donaldson, Jamar Reed, Lucille Hammon, Freddie Owens, Hazel Parker, Tammy Lewis, Mary Crandell, Kayla Johnson, Katie Johnson, Nell Wood, David Hudson, Minnie Boyd, Lorenzo Johnson, Erin Bryan, Lucille Stackhouse, Sara Jimmerson, Britney Stokes, Ralph Bragg, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Blue, and Alice Mooney.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to tell you and the citizens of Elba about something I was told by some members of our city administration concerning allowing the public to vote on whether or not it wanted to elect the members of the Elba City Board of Education. All I attempted to do in recent weeks was to get the city council to allow the voters in Elba to vote on whether or not they wanted to elect the members of this board. I didn't seek the public endorsement of any elected official. I simply asked them to let the people decide! I was told that there were not enough "qualified" people in Elba to serve on the school board, and if board members were elected some of those "qualified" persons might not run for the position.

I cannot believe that these elected officials have decided not to let the voters of Elba decide as the method they wish to choose members of the school board. These same voters were supposed to be "smart enough" to elect the right person to lead the city, but at the same time are apparently not "smart enough" to serve on a board themselves.

I am not trying to insinuate that the current school board members are not fair as far as hiring practices and school policy decisions are concerned. It is true, however, that when a board is appointed, and then this appointed board appoints a superintendent, it can lead to an administration that does not always best serve the needs of the public.

When someone cares enough to run for public office, it is usually the case that person will represent the people that elected him to office. If the concerns of the public are not addressed, the voters then have the right to remove that person from office and elect a new member that they feel will better serve their wishes. I have often wondered during my fight to get this important issue to the public just how "many" of our past and present city officials would have held their positions if the previous city council had "appointed" its replacements.

I have lived in Elba all my life and chose Elba as the place I wanted to live, raise my family, and continue operating a business my family started. My children have attended Elba Schools, and I believe that as a resident, voter and parent of a school aged child, I deserve the right to vote on the people that I want to guide my children while they are in school.

I believe that an elected school board is best for Elba and its children, and the time has come to get politics out of the schools and get the parents back in!

Mike McKee

Dear Mr. Cox:

This is an open letter to all who have been so kind and con-

siderate in offering their aid and support to the employees of Dorsey Trailers. Since the company has closed, many businesses, agencies and individuals have provided goods and services to those of us who no longer have jobs. It is during such times as these that help is so much appreciated. We are so very fortunate to have people who care for, and are concerned about our well being.

The second problem is that a prescription of "oxygen as needed" basis will not qualify you. This is tragic news to sickle cell anemia patients who are fine until a flare up occurs. The simple additional oxygen could save the rush visit to the emergency room and the anxiety that the whole family experiences during a flare up occurs. For the thousands of asthmatics in America, the cost savings could not only save their lives but surely would have the same cost benefits and anxiety release as the sickle cell patients.

Third and the most heart-breaking is that if the doctor determines and prescribes less than three liters of oxygen per minute then you would not qualify. Medicare uses a standard of only one liter per minute. Nationwide the percentage of people on in-home oxygen on three liters or more is less than 5%. That leaves 95% of Medicaid patients in Alabama that could benefit would not be eligible.

Under Alabama Medicaid's new protocol most, if not nearly, all the \$5,000,000 will be left over at the end of the year and more importantly cost savings in the emergency rooms and nursing home will not be realized.

Please join me in contacting your local legislator-contact your doctor and have him contact his local legislator and let's get this program on the correct course so all who can benefit can do so.

Sincerely,  
E. Harry

President  
AABON Home Health Care Supply

Dear Editor:

We who work full upon us. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) would like to remind people that most antifereeze is highly toxic to animals, but there are safe alternatives.

While working at an animal hospital, I saw a German shepherd die a horrible 12-hour death as a result of antifereeze poisoning. Despite the veterinarian's best efforts.

Most antifereeze is made with ethylene glycol. It tastes good to animals, but spills or radiator leaks of even a teaspoonful can kill an animal who licks it from the ground or off his feet.

Help the animals and the environment by requesting that one of the safe new "PG" antifeezes made with nontoxic propylene glycol be put in your car. Most quick-stop oil change shops keep them on hand for special requests.

These safe antifeezes include: Prestone Products' Low Tox Antifereeze/Coolant, available at some Kmart, Wal-Mart, Western Auto and Target stores; Old World Industries' Sierra Antifereeze (1-800-289-7234), available at some Checker Auto Parts, Levins, Pep Boys and AAA stores; and Sea-Clean Antifereeze (1-800-825-3464).

For the animals, Carla Bennett, Senior Writer & author of *Living in Harmony with Animals*, 757-622-PETA, ext. 478, Norfolk, Va.

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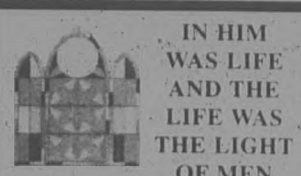
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### Benefit Gospel Singing planned at Elba Church of God

There will be a Benefit Gospel Singing at the Elba Church of God this Saturday, January 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m. featuring Derek Snellgrove, The Steady Standers, and other local talent. Pastor Ron Stallard and the congregation invite everyone to attend. The event will benefit the church food bank and efforts to provide food for the needy in the local area. For more information, call 897-2989 or 897-1593.



**Art Williams**  
will be the visiting speaker Sunday at the Elba Church of Christ.

Williams teaches in the Troy State University Music Department and is creator and host of "Here We Grow!" - a children's television program which airs on TSU television. His unique approach to teaching the gospel of Christ keeps his schedule busy with speaking engagements. Williams has been preaching at the Elba church while they seek to locate a full-time minister.

Bible study begins at 9 a.m. with worship at 10 a.m. Evening services will be at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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### Round and About With Eria 897-2006

Scripture: John 4:1-26

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: The Grooms family, John E. Folmar, Helen Folmar, Bettye Newton, Annie Bell Floumoy, Johnnie Yelverton, Vick E. Lindsey, Patricia Holloway, Pearl Mincey, Rosie Daniels, Rev. J. Parks, Rev. N.L. Robinson, Mamie Belcher, Kimberly Russell, Della Magwood, Beulah Horstead, Mary E. Harris

\*\*\*Annual Usher's Day of Rocky Head MB Church will be Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. Sermon will be given by Pastor W.O. Edwards, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Brantley.

\*\*\*Youth Need to Know: African American History. Monthly Motivation: Be too large for worry, too fearful for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to allow the presence

of trouble. —Dennis Kimbro, author

\*\*\*Lean On Me  
Out of all my Adversities,  
Sickness and Pain,  
My hope for living—gone  
I had no strength to call for  
I felt so all alone

I tried to endure the suffering  
But no one seemed to care  
I prayed the Lord would heal  
my body  
and all my burdens share

I trust my precious Savior  
He will not let me fall  
When I am weak and cannot  
stand  
He says, My Child,  
Lean on Me

By: Eria Lindsey Belcher  
Today is a good day, be grate  
ful  
Eria

**PASTOR'S CORNER**  
Rev. Ronald Stallard  
Elba Church of God

**Temper, temper, temper**

When I was growing up I had a bad temper. I heard this story the other day and thought I needed to share it. There was a little boy who always lost his temper. He would get mad and upset. He hurt a lot of people's feelings. How would anyone know he was mad or upset if he didn't express his displeasure? This little boy was always sorry after he cooled down. He was ashamed that he hurt others. This young man loved and respected his father. He went to him for advice. His father told him, "Every time you lose your temper, go and drive a nail into the wall." The first day he had about 35 nails. He then dropped off to 25. He realized he could stop losing his temper and the number of nails would drop off. One day, he had not driven one nail into the wall. He was so happy that he told his father. His father told him, "Every day you do not lose your temper, pull a nail out of the wall." A long period of time had went by until the last nail was pulled out of the wall. The little boy and his father took a look at the wall. There were ugly holes all over it. The wall was ruined.

There is a price we pay when we lose control of our self. Losing his temper had caused a lot of damage. Damage that would stay for a long time and make a very ugly wall. In fact, it became a wall of hurt and destruction. The Bible instructs us to be slow to anger. James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

The first murder committed by man was because Cain lost his temper. Gen 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wrath? And why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee is the desire. And thou shalt rule over him. Even Jesus got angry but He sinned not.

Eph 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: always bring about how much hurt we can cause by not controlling our spirit. Sooner or later we will find out what damage we have done. We must take a good long look at our self. It is up to us. We have it in our power to change. Jesus will help us change.

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Pastor: John Bradshaw, Pastor  
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**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS**  
Pastor: Andy Marler, Pastor  
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**GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
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**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
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## SPORTS

Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Ever since the girls have gotten older, I have been the last one to get in the shower in the mornings. Our oldest takes a very long and very hot shower early each morning before she heads out to school, while our youngest will take a bath at night, but then get up and wash her hair in the morning. That didn't bother me until the cold weather rolled in this winter, but recently it seems like dear old Dad gets to take a late warm shower every morning, if he is lucky. I will admit that taking a cool shower gets the blood flowing and helps save water. However, it does little else to get you ready when the weather is cold outside, too!

## TAKING A FEW FREE SHOTS...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers saw their chances at winning the area title all but end last week with an upset loss to Luverne, but the Tigers did rebound Saturday night and hurled cross-county rival New Brockton in front of a big crowd at the Elba High gym to reach the 10th win platform for the season. The Tigers, which had easily defeated Opp earlier in the week, scored the first 14 points of the game in the blow-out win over the Gamecocks, and led by as many as 33 points early in the fourth quarter before slowing things down and allowing New Brockton to stage a late rally. Maybe Elba's players found out in Luverne that they have to play well, no matter the competition, to win basketball games, and if they remember that lesson, the upset loss will serve some good. The Tigers own a solid 10-6 record with three weeks left on the season. However, all games left will be tough ones, and the Tigers will have to be at their best if they hope to hold on and post a winning record.

The Elba Lady Tigers moved up to 9th in the state in last week's high school basketball standings and celebrated their new lofty ranking by rolling to easy wins over Opp, Luverne and New Brockton. The 22-point win over Opp avenged an early-season loss to the Lady Bobcats, while the Lady Tigers really put on a show Saturday night when they scored 45 first half points and coasted to a 24-point win over New Brockton. The Lady Tigers still have a very good shot at winning the area title and hosting the area tournament at the end of the season, but they will have to play at a very high level to get past some of their upcoming opponents, and now that they are ranked high in the polls, the Elba girls will have a bulls-eye on their backs every time they hit the court. It won't be easy, but this bunch appears to be getting better and better as the wins pile up.

\*\*\* The area basketball scene continued to roll along last week and it was just another so-so week for teams in the area as Brantley and Zion Chapel both picked up one win, while Kinston and New Brockton failed to post a win. The biggest news of the week came up at Zion Chapel, where the Rebels posted a big 15-point win over Kinston. The Bulldogs had been playing well and expected to add a win over their cross-county rivals, but the Rebels snuck up on the "Dogs" and applied an old-fashioned whipping to their neighbors. New Brockton's girls posted two big area wins last week and closed out the week with an 8-8 record, while Kinston's Lady Bulldogs grabbed their first win of the season with a victory over Zion Chapel. I haven't been a very good season for any of the teams in the area as far as wins and losses are concerned. However, all the teams are very young, and their fans have to support the youngsters and believe that better days are ahead, because they are!

\*\*\* The Elba Athletic Club is attempting to reorganize in an effort to better support all the sports at Elba High School, and I urge all the Elba Tiger and Lady Tiger supporters to jump on the bandwagon and lend your support. It takes more than just money to support the programs. It takes support in the bleachers, and I am sure the school officials will be glad to work with any supporters that want to help work on a field, or help renovate a building or facility. Support comes in many fashions, and I'll just bet ya that you will be welcomed with open arms.

\*\*\* In closing, the Elba Recreation Department is in the midst of its youth baseball and softball seasons, as well as work to be done on the new soccer complex. The Rec staff welcomes the busy season, but it too would be glad to work with any volunteers that might be willing to help in coming weeks and months. Give us a call.

**SUPPORT ELBA RECREATION  
BECOME A VOLUNTEER!**  
Call 897-6833

## NOTICE

CITY PRIVILEGE LICENSES  
ARE DUE

JANUARY 1, 2001

And Will Be Delinquent

FEBRUARY 1, 2001

There Will Be A Penalty Fee Plus Interest  
Charged If Not Paid By Due Date!

Municipal Ordinances require that all persons engaged in any exhibition, trade, business, vocation, occupation, profession or calling or doing any action specified within the corporate limits/policy jurisdiction of the CITY OF ELBA are subject to a BUSINESS LICENSE.

CITY OF ELBA

DONNIE MORROW  
CITY CLERK

Push record to 10-6

## Tigers crush Gamecocks 58-31



Elba's Tim Andrews (in black) finds himself surrounded by the Zion Chapel defense in a recent Tiger win. The Tigers will host the Rebels next Tuesday night, in Elba.

## Tigers stop Opp 51-29

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back last Tuesday night as they pounded the Opp Bobcats 51-29 in Elba. The Tigers upped their record to 9-5 with the win, while the Bobcats slipped to 8-8 with the loss.

Both teams got off to a slow start offensively as the Tigers crawled out to an 8-4 lead after one quarter of play. However, Elba began to pick up the pace in the second quarter, and sparked by the outside shooting of Derrick Brooks and the inside power of John Mitchell, the Tigers outscored the Bobcats 18-8 in the stanza to open up a 26-10 halftime advantage. Mitchell continued to get inside the Bobcat defense in the

## Elba Tiger JV post three straight wins to improve record to 6-7

The Elba Tiger junior varsity hit the hardwood three times last week and won all three games to improve their record for the season to 6-7.

Following are highlights of last week's three wins:

ELBA 53

OPP 47

The Elba Tiger JV used a big second quarter to pull ahead and then pulled away in the final stanza to post a wild 53-47 win over the Opp Bobcats, last Tuesday night in Elba.

The Tigers trailed 16-13 after the first quarter, but poured in 18 points in the second stanza to grab a 31-28 halftime lead and then pulled away late to claim the wild 53-47 win.

Dwyus Reynolds scored 14 points and Colby Skinner added 9 to lead Elba, while Daniel Coleman scored 15 points to lead Opp.

Elba (53): Skinner 9, Curran 8, Wade 5, Gavin 7, Allen 8, Reynolds 14, Thigpen 2. Opp (47): Coleman 15, Mount 10, Mims 3, Underwood 2, Hunter 13, Barrow 4.

Elba (39): Curran 7, Wade 7, Gavin 7, Allen 2, Reynolds 10, Kelley 4. N.B. (32): Medley 2, Hart 7, Smith 16, Anderson 2, Fox 2, Owens 3.

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The Elba Tigers scored the first 14 points of the game to take command and were never challenged Saturday night as they coasted to a surprisingly easy 58-31 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, in Elba.

The win improved Elba's record to 10-6, while New Brockton saw its record fall to 2-16 with the loss.

The Tigers came out determined to pound the ball inside against the smaller Gamecocks, and the plan worked to perfection as Elba's John Mitchell scored 10 of the Tigers' first 14 points to help Elba pull out to a 14-0 advantage with 2:52 remaining in the first quarter.

Travis Slawson ended the Gamecocks' scoring drought with 1:42 left in the quarter on a short jumper, but the Tigers never lost control, and when Derrick Brooks nailed a long three-pointer with :09 left on the clock, Elba's lead went to 17-4.

A driving lay-up by Elba's Marcus Henderson added 13 points to Elba's lead, and Daniel Roberts scored 8 points, each, to lead New Brockton.

EL 17 14 17 10 - 58  
NB 4 11 8 8 - 31

Elba (58): Burks 1, Barnes 2, Head 5, Andrews 8, Henderson 13, Brooks 7, Mitchell 22.

N.B. (31): Williams 8, Kinsaul 6, Roberts 8, Slawson 7, Foster 2.

## Luverne surprises Elba 52-47

The Elba Tigers saw their area title hopes all but vanish Friday night when they traveled up to Crenshaw County and were upset by the Luverne Tigers 52-47, in Luverne.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 9-6, 2-2 in area play, while Luverne improved its record to 5-11 with the win, 1-4 in area action.

Elba came out sluggish in the opening stanza and trailed 13-7 after one quarter of play despite the outside shooting of Derrick Brooks. The Tigers' John Mitchell began to score from inside in the second quarter and pumped life into the Elba offense, but Luverne matched the Tigers' basket-for-basket.

Elba (47): Burks 2, Barnes 4, Head 2, Hammond 4, Andrews 4, Henderson 11, Brooks 7, Mitchell 17.

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E 7 14 14 12 - 47

Luverne (52): Cooper 19, McCarthy 1, Parks 4, Crittenden 9, Walters 11, Sexton 6.

Elba (47): Burks 2, Barnes 4, Head 2, Hammond 4, Andrews 4, Henderson 11, Brooks 7, Mitchell 17.



Elba's Bart Barnes (left) and Alan Head (20) listen as Tiger coach Karl Bledsole talks with the team during a time-out. The Tigers posted two wins last week to improve their record to 10-6.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

## Thursday, Jan 25

G.W. Long at Kinston (4:30) B-VG-VB

Straughn at Zion Chapel (5:00) B-VG-VB

## Friday, Jan 26

Calhoun at Elba (5:00) B-VG-VB

Highland Home at Kinston (4:30) B-VG-VB

New Brockton at Barbour County (4:30) B-VG-VB

Brantley at Pleasant Home (4:30) B-VG-VB

## Monday, Jan 29

Elba at Georgiana (4:30) B-VG-VB

Kinston at Pleasant Home (4:30) B-VG-VB

Highland Home at Zion Chapel (5:00) B-VG-VB

McKenzie vs. Brantley, at Luverne (4:30) B-VG-VB

## Tuesday, Jan 30

Zion Chapel at Elba (4:30) B-VG-VB

New Brockton at Enterprise (4:30) B-VG-VB

Brantley at J.F. Shields (5:00) B-VG-VB

## SPORTS

Improve record to 15-3

## Lady Tigers run past New Brockton 60-36



Elba Lady Tiger coach Leroy Carnley talks with his team during a break in the action. Lady Tigers standing include (l-r) Brittany Daniels, Lacy Carille and Devri Kilcrease.

## Lady Tigers trip Opp 57-34

The Elba Lady Tigers avenged one of their three losses on the season last Tuesday night by blasting the Opp Lady Bobcats 57-34 in Elba.

The Lady Tigers came out ready to play against their rivals from Covington County and used the three-point shooting of Lagina Mack and Devri Kilcrease to open up a 13-4 lead after one quarter of play.

Ayonna Proctor nailed two long three-pointers and scored 10 points in the second stanza to ignite a 22-point quarter as the Lady Tigers extended their lead to 35-14 by the end of the half.

Roshanda McKinnon and Rachel Bludworth began to dominate inside in the third quarter as Elba's lead grew to

E 13 22 13 9 - 57  
O 4 10 10 10 - 34

48-24, and the Lady Tigers then coasted in the fourth quarter as they posted the impressive 57-34 win over the 4A Lady Bobcats.

Lagina Mack scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Roshanda McKinnon added 14 and Ayonna Proctor scored 10. Lonnie Campbell scored 11 points to lead Opp.

Elba (57): McKinnon 14, Bludworth 7, Mack 17, Proctor 10, Kilcrease 3, Kelley 6, Daniels 2.

Opp (34): Musgrove 3, Mikel 9, Crittenden 2, Campbell 11, Stanley 3, Osborn 6.

The Elba Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, continued its season last week with action in five divisions.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

\*\*\* **RAPTORS VS. HEAT** - The Raptors and the Heat tangled in the "Boys 8 and Under" action. The Raptors led 4-0 after one quarter and 6-0 at the half, then pulled away for the easy win. Scoring for the Raptors were Richard Cooks 9, Timmy Geddings 5 and Caleb Bannin 4. Scoring for the Heat were Jamison Flowers and Sage Kelley.

\*\*\* **LAKERS VS. ROCKETS** - The Lakers and the Rockets played a high scoring game in the "Boys 8 and Under" action. Scoring for the Lakers were Kevin Allen, Taylor Cotton, Seth Hancey, Taylor Anderson and Colton Vaughan. Scoring for the Rockets were Shabruan Robinson and Tyrease Daniels.

\*\*\* **MIRACLE VS. STING** - The Miracle and the Sting had an exciting game in "Girls 8 and Under" action. Scoring for the Miracle were Keri Jones, Courtney Driggers and Ashley Cooks. Scoring for the Sting were Lindsey Carnley, JoJo McBride and Aspen Foushee.

\*\*\* **SHOCK 10 FEVER 10** - The Shock and Fever battled to a 10-10 tie in a game that was stopped after four quarters and one overtime. In "Girls 12 and Under" action. The Shock scored 5 points in the fourth quarter to rally and send the game into overtime, then both teams added one basket to remain tied.

Scoring for the Shock were Whitney Sasser 4, YoYo Terry 4 and Ashley Bailey 2. Scoring for the Fever were Brittany Caldwell 6, Ashley Carpenter 2 and Brandy Caldwell 2.

\*\*\* **WIZARDS 27 HAWKS 14** - The Wizards woke up in the second half and ran away with a 27-14 win over the Hawks, in "Boys 10 and Under" action. The Wizards trailed 9-7 after one quarter and were tied at 11-11 at the half, but came to life late and pulled away to post the win. Scoring for the Wizards were Gavin Flowers 19, Martin

McCartuck 4, Trey Martin 2 and Bobby Hudson 2. Scoring for the Hawks were Jordan McBride 8, Don Rhoades 3 and Troy Belcher 3.

\*\*\* **PACERS 18 MAGIC 6** - The Pacers pulled ahead early and then pulled away to down the Magic 18-6, in "Boys 10 and Under" action. The Pacers led 4-0 after one quarter and 6-0 at the half, then pulled away for the easy win. Scoring for the Pacers were Richard Cooks 9, Timmy Geddings 5 and Caleb Bannin 4. Scoring for the Magic were Graham Morrow 3 and Matthew Gibson 3.

\*\*\* **KINGS 23 SUNS 14** - The Kings jumped out to a big early lead and rolled to a 23-14 win over the Suns, in "Boys 12 and Under" action. The Kings jumped out to a 10-2 lead after one quarter and never looked back to claim the win. Scoring for the Kings were Antwon Tillis 12 and Jordan Flowers 11. Scoring for the Suns were Stephen Driggers 6, Chase Boutwell 4 and Derrick Jackson 4.

\*\*\* **MERCURY 10 SHOCK 8** - The Mercury claimed their first win of the young season by defeating the Shock 10-8, in "Girls 12 and Under" action. The Mercury owned a slim 5-4 lead at the half, but slipped its advantage to 10-4 after three quarters and held on for the exciting win. Scoring for the Mercury were Sydney Brunson 6 and Chessie Cross 4. Scoring for the Shock were YoYo Terry 4, Kayla Kyser 2 and Whitney Sasser 2.

Following is the Youth Basketball League schedule for the coming week:

Thursday, Jan 25  
5:30 - Heat vs. Rockets  
6:30 - Lakers vs. Raptors

Friday, Jan 26  
9:00 - Miracle vs. Sting  
10:15 - Mercury vs. Fever  
11:30 - Suns vs. Kings  
12:45 - Mercury vs. Shock

Saturday, Jan 27  
5:30 - Pacers vs. Wizards  
6:30 - Hawks vs. Magic

Monday, Jan 29  
5:30 - Hawks vs. Magic

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intermission the Lady Tigers went in with a whopping 45-19 lead.

Roshanda McKinnon and Ayonna Proctor sparked Elba to an 8-0 run to open up the third quarter as the Lady Tigers' lead went to 53-19, and even though the Lady Tigers reserves failed to score during the final 5:11 of the quarter, Elba carried a big 53-23 lead into the final stanza.

Elba's starters came off the bench early in the fourth quarter and reeled off six straight points as the Lady Tigers' lead ballooned to 57-23, while the Lady Tiger reserves then reentered and mopped up the impressive 60-36 win over the Lady Gamecocks.

Roshanda McKinnon scored 22 points to lead Elba, while the Lady Tigers' reserves then reentered and mopped up the impressive 60-36 win over the Lady Gamecocks.

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Elba (60): McKinnon







# COMMUNITY NEWS

## CareerLink opens on the square in downtown Elba

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

For those who have often wished they had a place to brush up on their business skills, the square in Elba has become the place to be to accommodate those needs.

CareerLink, a local branch of the South Alabama Skills Center, recently opened at its location on the square in Elba next to Recollections Antiques and Uniques.

CareerLink is a federally funded program that is open to the general public and is designed to help people looking for a job.

"We're here for anyone who needs help looking for a job," said Mandy Waters, CareerLink instructor. "Whether it's helping them brush up on their job readiness skills, helping fill out an application or creating a resume, we are here to help."

She said the office is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and is open to anyone looking for assistance. There are computers with Internet access available for use, as well as information on jobs in the area and literature regarding schools.

"We are still in the process of getting set up right now," said Waters. "But, we hope to be fully equipped soon."

She said although the office is not 100 percent equipped at this point to supply all the needs of the people, they are still ready to help or point an individual in the right direction of where he or she might need to



The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed CareerLink to Elba with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Those present for the ceremony were (left to right): Little Miss Elba Molly McGure, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Ted Roberts, Kaye Bowlin - CareerLink instructor, Doris Matthews, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Robyn Stinson - CareerLink Facilitator, Mandy Waters - CareerLink instructor, Miss Elba Valerie Moore, Mike Hall, Tonya Jones and Herby McCall.

go to get the best assistance for a particular situation.

However, she said CareerLink is not able to help someone obtain their GED studies, but there is an adult basic education class that meets in the office building during the evenings that is strictly a GED course.

The adult basic education course is taught through Enterprise State Junior College and uses the CareerLink building in Elba as its classroom.

Waters said anyone interested in taking this course should contact ESJC for further information.

"We've had people stop by and show an interest in what we are doing here," Waters said. "With an area that has been hit as hard as this one with industry closings and layoffs, we hope to have a good response and be able to help people brush up on their job skills so they can find a job that suits them."

She said she encourages any-

one wanting assistance to either stop by the office or call CareerLink at 897-0034.

"If someone wants to brush up on their computer skills, needs help filling out an application, needs a refresher on making change or simply wants to research a particular career, we are here and are more than willing to help," Waters said.

She said after all, it is the job of CareerLink to help people find out what they want to do and be prepared to do it.

## American Red Cross to hold blood drive at NBHS

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive on Friday, Jan. 26, at New Brockton High School from 12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Coffee County is a part of the Mobile Region of the American Red Cross, and the blood supply for the region is desperately low. According to the American Red Cross, the Gulf Coast Region is in desperate need of all blood types. Right now, O-, A- and B- blood types are extremely scarce. Everyone is encouraged to donate and give the Gift of Life.

## Studies show erosion of unpaved roads carries to streams & rivers

According to studies, about 70 percent (4 million tons) of the sediment load being carried into the streams and rivers in this area of the state comes from erosion associated with the 2,000 miles of unpaved roads in five southeastern counties of Alabama. An estimated 600,000 tons of sediment reaches the Choctawhatchee Bay each year. Over 100 fish species have been described for the Choctawhatchee River basin with a number of fish and freshwater mussels being at risk because of habitat loss and poor water quality primarily attributed to erosion and sedimentation occurring throughout the basin. Recognizing this problem, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved a grant to develop a manual to define the best management practices for grading and drainage of unpaved roads to reduce the potential for erosion of roadways and side ditches.

Since there were no standard procedures or training manuals available to grader operators or supervisors involved with maintenance of these roads, most operators adopted practices based on personal experience with the outcome focused on one objective - maintaining the road to accommodate traffic. Frequent grading of the dirt surfaces and pulling the ditches loosen the soils contributing to erosion. Sediment generated from erosion on adjacent farm lands, non-stabilized roadway surfaces, and ditches along these unpaved roads is transported by runoff directly to the streams and results in channel filling, habitat and fishery losses, and high turbidity levels.

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority, with funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and nine southeastern Alabama counties, contracted with Polyengineering, Inc. of Dothan to develop a *Recommended Practices Manual* to define better practices for grading and maintaining unpaved roads. County Engineers from the ten southeastern counties were involved in the development of this manual. In addition to the manual, a video was produced showing examples of actual grading operations and the results achieved by adhering to these practices. Training sessions were held in Barbour, Dale, Geneva and Covington counties involving classroom training, utilizing the manual and training video, and on-site road and ditch blading demonstrations with county equipment operators. These training sessions were a great success with several out-of-state groups attending also.

One of the most important aspects in implementing these new and improved methods is educating the public to recognize the value of adopting better ways to maintain unpaved roads. Adhering to the best management practices for grading roads will enhance natural resources, conservation by helping to protect the aquatic habitat and its species and will meet the basic objectives of minimizing sediment transported to the streams while maintaining the roads to an acceptable level of vehicular traffic.

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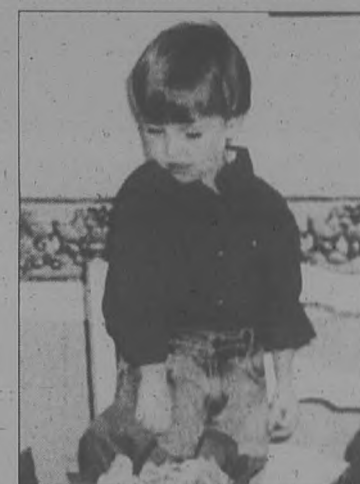
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Sam Floyd celebrated his fourth birthday on Nov. 15 at his home in Deatsville, Ala. His brother, Drew, and sister, Ryan, along with friends had a good time with games and "goodies" to eat. Sam is the son of Bob and Heather Harrison Floyd. His grandparents are Gary Harrison and Pam Kervin, and he is the great-grandson of Annette



Sam Floyd



**LOOKING GOOD...**...although you won't be able to see it from the ground. The Elba Recreation Center building located on Claxton Avenue is getting a new roof. The metal (tin) is being installed this week, and on Tuesday, the day the picture above was taken, city workers were more than half finished with the installation. According to Elba City Clerk Don Morrow, the cost of the new cover is approximately \$5,500.00 with the cost being held to a minimum by using city maintenance personnel to install the roof. Recreation Director Ricky Mullaz said that the new roof was long overdue with it becoming harder and harder to stop the leaks now that we're finally getting some rain.

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